

## ORDINANCE NO. 2015-44

### AN ORDINANCE REVISING STANDARDS FOR THE USE OF BARBECUE GRILLS FOR SPECIFICALLY DEFINED MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 6.21 (a)(1) (a)(2) (b)(1). That Chapter 6 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets [ ] and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 6

### FIRE PROVISIONS

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### ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION CODE

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#### SEC. 6.21. ADDITIONAL FIRE CODE PROVISIONS.

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(a) **Fires or Barbecues on Balconies or Patios - Open Flame and Fuel Storage Prohibited**

This provision is adopted pursuant to the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Section 299F.011, subdivision 4, and shall supersede less restrictive provisions of state law to the contrary.

- (1) **Open Flame Prohibited.** In any two-family dwelling, townhouse or multiple-family dwelling In any multiple-family residence that includes three or more dwelling units where dwelling units are configured vertically above and below other dwelling units as defined in City Code Section 19.03, no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of the structure.

Exception – Propane grills are allowed on balconies and ground floor patios of townhouses constructed of two or more attached units in which each unit extends from the foundation to the roof and having open space on at least two sides of each unit as defined in the Minnesota State Residential Code.

- (2) **Fuel Storage Prohibited.** In any two-family dwelling, townhouse or multiple-family dwelling as defined in City Code Section 19.03, no person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch, or other similar heating or lighting chemical or device.

Note: NFPA 58 section 8.3.5 as referenced by the Minnesota Fire Code restricts the storage of LP gas cylinders within a residential building, including the basement or any storage area in a common basement of a multiple-family building and attached or detached garages, shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of 2.7 lb and shall not exceed 5.4 lb aggregate water capacity per each living space unit.

- (b) **[Exception.] Approved Grills.** Listed electric grills plugged directly into an electrical outlet or listed gas-fired barbecue grills that are permanently mounted, [and wired or] and plumbed to the building's gas supply [or electrical system] and that maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches on all sides, [unless listed for lesser clearances,] or manufacturers required clearance whichever is greater may be installed on balconies and patios. [when approved by the fire marshal.]

(1) **Installation of Grills**

Natural gas grills can be installed as noted above. These grills shall be installed permanently by being fastened in place and meet the clearance requirements of the owner's manual. A permit shall be obtained from the Building and Inspection Division before installation. The connections shall be done by a licensed gas fitter.

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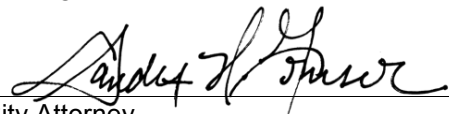
Passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
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Mayor

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Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

  
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City Attorney